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SUBJECT: USS CHICAGO VISIT TO MAURITIUS AUGUST 16-24/

1. OUR HATS ARE OFF TO ADMIRAL WATKINS, CAPTAIN BUCK AND ALL THE OFFICERS AND MEN ABOARD THE USS CHICAGO. WE CONSIDERED THE VISIT AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS IN EVERY WAY. OUR CHICAGO COMPATRIOTS EXEMPLIFIED THE BEST IN THE NAVY AND AMERICAN SPIRIT. NO ONE COULD HAVE ASKED FOR BETTER BEHAVIOR ASHORE, BETTER HUMAN RELATIONS WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN SPORTS, COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND SOCIAL EVENTS. ADMIRAL WATKINS, CAPTAIN BUCK AND THEIR SENIOR OFFICERS DID A BEAUTIFUL JOB OF TACTFUL DIPLOMACY WHICH EARNED MORE RESPECT AND FRIENDSHIP HERE FOR OLD UNCLE SAM.

2. ALL THIS APPLIES EQUALLY IF NOT MORE SO IN A SIMPLER MORE DOWN TO EARTH WAY TO THE SIDE TRIP TO RODRIQUES. THE RODRIGUANS WERE BOTH IMPRESSED AND DELIGHTED BY THE VISIT OF THE LARGEST SHIP EVER TO DROP ANCHOR AT RODRIGUES IN ITS OVER 200 YEAR HISTORY. ONE FINE EXAMPLY, WHEN LT. WALTHER, THE CHICAGO'S SURGEON, SAVED THE LIFE OF A YOUNG RODRIGUAN GIRL, HE WAS HAILED AS A MIRACLE WORKER.

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3. FINANCE MINISTER RINGADOO HAS EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL
GRATITUDE TO ME AND ASKED ME TO CONVEY HIS THANKS
AND THOSE OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO THE U.S. NAVY AND OUR
GOVERNMENT FOR HAVING MADE THIS TRIP POSSIBLE.

4. EVERY MAN WOMAN AND CHILD IN THIS EMBASSY FAMILY
WISHES THE CHICAGO GODSPEED, A HAPPY HOMECOMING AND A WARM
WELCOME BACK.

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